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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 4, 2002, at 2 p.m.

Senate

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The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable JACK REED, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, Sovereign of this Nation, Lord of this Senate and source of strength for leaders, we turn to You for guidance for the intensely busy weeks ahead in this fall session. As we convene, it is difficult not to consider every issue in terms of the forthcoming elections. Our party differences often are sharply focused. And yet, the agenda before the Senate is made up of crucial matters for the good of America. Enable the Senators to think creatively, to speak clearly, and to vote with conviction. May they seek Your will, stay open to each other, and give our Nation an example of how leaders can be decisive without being divisive.

This morning we lift up to You the family of Senator JOE BIDEN whose father, Joseph R. Biden, Sr., passed away yesterday. Comfort them with Your peace that passes understanding as they walk through this difficult time. Watch over the entire Senate family and surround us with Your protections. You are our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JACK REED led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, September 3, 2002.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable JACK REED, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada.

PROGRAM

Mr. REID. Mr. President, good morning. I welcome back every one of our very competent staff which has been away for 30 days.

Mr. President, this morning we are going to begin consideration of the homeland security legislation, H.R. 5005, with 7 hours of debate on the motion. The time will be divided between Senators LIEBERMAN and THOMPSON, and in opposition that time will be controlled by Senator BYRD.

At 12:30 today, we will proceed to executive session to vote on the confirmation of a judicial nomination.

Following that vote, the Senate will recess until 2:15, as we do each Tuesday for party conferences. Debate on the motion will resume at 2:15.

All Senators should be alerted that in addition to the vote on the judicial nomination at 12:30 today, the Senate will vote on the motion to proceed to H.R. 5005 upon the expiration or yielding back of all time—somewhere around 6:15 this afternoon.

Today, we have a motion to proceed, as I have indicated. Tomorrow, we have the morning devoted to the Interior appropriations bill starting at 9:30. Then we will move again to homeland security.

Tomorrow evening at 6 o'clock, Vice President Mondale will be here for the Leader Lecture Series.

It will be a relatively short day tomorrow.

Then on Thursday, we will have full debate, which will include work on the Interior appropriations bill. We hope we can complete the Interior appropriations bill this week.

Hopefully, with permission of the minority, we can move to another appropriations bill.

We have one additional bill which the House passed, Treasury-Postal Service appropriations. That is something we have to do. There is a lot of work to do. Thursday will be our last legislative workday this week because Congress is going to New York on Friday.

As the leader announced, on each Monday there will be votes—some as early as noon. One week from Monday is a Jewish holiday. It is my understanding we will not work that day. At least that is the indication I got a

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